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CITY OF CINCINNATI'S GRANT PROGRAMS FOR ARTISTS AND SMALL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS UNDERGO CHANGES; LEVEL OF COMPETITION TO INCREASE

Cincinnati – The City of Cincinnati's competitive grant programs for artists and small arts organizations will undergo a number of changes in 2005. Funding for the grant programs went from \$116,686 in 2004 to \$42,188 in 2005 – a 64% decrease. "The 2005 artist and small arts organization grant programs will be extremely competitive," said Andy Marko, Chairperson of the Cincinnati Arts Allocation Committee, a City advisory body. "With the reduced level of funding in 2005, we expect to give out no more than eight to ten grants from both grant programs combined compared to a total of 23 grants last year," Marko said. The change in funding available for the programs will also affect the size of the grants; the maximum award amount for both programs will be \$5,000.

Other changes to the grant programs include a new schedule, shorter application forms, and fewer required support materials. Both grant programs will have the same application deadline and review schedule.

New joint application deadline: Applications for both programs will be available February 1, 2005. The application deadline for both programs is March 15, 2005.

New workshop schedule: Free grant writing workshops for prospective applicants will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on February 16, 2005 (arts organizations) and February 17, 2005 (artists). Registration is required. Call 352-4000 for workshop information and registration.

Eligible applicants: The Individual Artist Grant Program is open to creative and interpretive artists who are legal residents of the city of Cincinnati and are age eighteen or older. The Small Arts Organization Grant Program is

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open to nonprofit organizations that are based in the city of Cincinnati. Arts organizations and non-arts organizations with established, distinct arts components or programs may apply.

Where to get an application: Electronic versions of the program guidelines and applications are available on the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) website at www.cincyrec.org. Applications and program guidelines are also available in hard copy format at the following locations: Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Main Office (Two Centennial Plaza, Suite 800, 805 Central Avenue), Dunham Recreation Complex, and Westwood Town Hall), Art Academy of Cincinnati (Eden Park building), Arts Consortium, Enjoy the Arts, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Corryville, Northside, and Walnut Hills branch libraries, and Education and Religion Department, Main Library), University of Cincinnati School of Art, Urban Appalachian Council, and Weston Art Gallery.

The City of Cincinnati is the only government in the Tri-State area that offers grant programs for artists and arts organizations and is one of only two local funders of artists. The arts grant programs, which were established in 1989, are managed by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. For more information on the grant programs, visit the CRC website at www.cincyrec.org or call Carolyn Gutjahr, Arts Grant Programs Manager, at 352-4985.

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Recreation programs and facilities are open to all citizens regardless of race, gender, color, religion, nationality or disability. CRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to supporting the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please call if you require any special accommodations.